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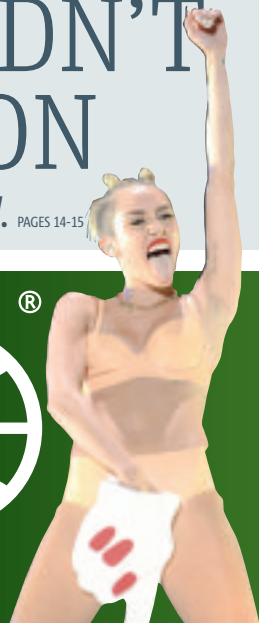
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Weiner, the black sheep

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Anthony Weiner is trying to overcome the media circus borne from his sexting scandal. He is the fifth candidate to be featured in Metro's NYC Votes 2013 series. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Harvey out for season with major arm injury

Tommy John surgery. Mets have yet to say if the phenom will need ligament replacement, but it's not promising. **Unexpected news.** Harvey said he was "shocked" yesterday to get the diagnosis for what he thought was minor pain. **Familiar story.** Metro looks at other pitchers who've suffered the same fate. PAGE 27

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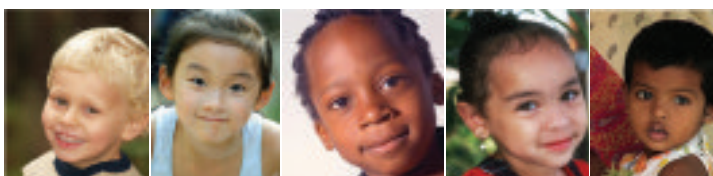
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John Kerry accuses Syria of gas cover-up

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Quoted

"There is perhaps some chance that [de Blasio supporter] Susan Sarandon will come here and fix public housing development here."

Anthony Weiner, emphasizing his belief that his ideas have greater value than celebrity endorsements



Mayoral Candidate Anthony Weiner meets with voters at the Marcy Houses in Brooklyn and speaks to a crowd at the Jefferson Senior Center in East Harlem. / BESS ADLER

Weiner tries to place scandal in rearview

Facts and figures.

The embattled mayoral candidate says his "ideas" campaign will help him win the day.

Anthony Weiner does not smile very much. When New Yorkers stop to talk to him, he listens intently, sometimes frowning, generally with his hands on his hips. He looks serious, even severe.

Combined with that severity, his dry humor can sometimes seem callous.

When an elderly man at a senior center chatting with Weiner in a crush of photographers asked where his photo was going to appear, Weiner, moving on to the next table, pointed to a Wall Street Journal photographer and said, "You're gonna be in Vogue. This guy's from Vogue, so you should put on your best face."

The Wall Street Journal photographer stayed be-

What to expect

Weiner would push for a single-payer healthcare system.

- He would have police officers wear lapel cameras.
- Weiner wants to bring back a "Giuliani-era pro-

tol" and hold regular town hall meetings with local community boards.

- Weiner is an Islanders and a Mets fan, but doesn't have the same "emotional connection" to the Islanders as he

does with the Mets. "Like I can't bring myself to root for the Yankees. I can easily root for the Rangers, you know? I want to see them successful," Weiner said. "I'm not the same way with the Yankees."

Campaign season

"We all run the campaigns we know how to run."

Anthony Weiner

hind to explain that he was not with Vogue.

But Weiner insists that in contrast to Mayor Michael Bloomberg, he will "be a much more approachable mayor, someone who takes much more pleasure in being among

NYC votes 2013

Contenders

This is the fifth in a series of profiles that Metro will run on mayoral and comptroller candidates before the upcoming primary on Sept. 10.

citizens, hearing what they have to say."

And Weiner was quick to promise "a change of focus," speaking derisively of a recent "valentine to Bloomberg" in the New York Times "talking about how many big buildings

had been built in the city." "We'll have less of a celebration of shiny edifices and more of a conversation about how we make life livable for New Yorkers," he said.

Weiner has been the target of an onslaught of criticism himself following the revelation that he continued to send illicit messages and photos to women other than his wife, long after he resigned from Congress because of that same behavior.

Still, his inclination to call out those he disagrees with has not been dampened — and he does not constrain his contempt to Bloomberg and the New

York Times.

Standing outside the Jefferson Houses in East Harlem, Weiner was asked about the value of celebrity endorsements, which his opponent Bill de Blasio has racked up.

"I run idea campaigns, focused on issues, focused on citizens. ... I mean, some voters might be influenced by the idea that a TV star is standing with a person. I think they're more interested in how you're gonna solve the problems that face their lives," he said.

When asked if he is concerned about making the inevitable runoff to come from the primary, Weiner noted he has exceeded expectations at this stage before in an election.

"About this time in 2005, I was at 11 percent, getting these same exact questions and I gave similar answers, and I made the runoff," he said. "So, um, we'll see."



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www.michaelcfina.comSpeed camera enforcement
starts on first day of classes

Hit the brakes. The 20 cameras will be placed in high-crash areas near schools.

The enforcement of speed cameras near city schools will go into effect on the first day of classes, officials announced Monday.

As part of a five-year program, the city's Department of Transportation will install 20 cameras near high-crash locations within a quarter mile of city schools. Enforcement will go into effect on the first day of school, Sept. 9, when motorists risk \$50 fines for driving 10 miles or more over the speed limit.

While traffic fatalities have decreased in recent years, speeding was the contributing factor in 81 fatal traffic accidents last year. Fatal hit-and-run



Mayor Bloomberg announces the enforcement of speed cameras near schools. / OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Watch your speed

The law allows the city to change the location of the cameras at will.

- In the program's first weeks, motorists driving 10 or more miles above the speed limit will only get warnings.

crashes increased by 31 percent between 2010 and 2012.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said that keeping streets safe is one of the "most important public safety challenges" faced by any government.

"Curbing speeding around schools will help us continue to make our city's streets safer for ev-

everyone," Bloomberg said.

Advocacy group Transportation Alternatives applauded the program, but lamented its small scale.

"We look forward to the day when every school has the same protection against reckless drivers," executive director Paul Steely White said.

Officials said curbing speeding is particularly important in saving children. If a child is hit by a car at 40 mph, there is a 70 percent chance he or she will be killed. At the city's speed limit, 30 mph, a child has an 80 percent chance of surviving after being hit.

"Thanks to these new cameras, students across New York City will return to much safer school zones," Bronx state Sen. Jeffrey Klein said.

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NYPD. Correction officer is accused of shooting his own son

An off-duty correction officer allegedly shot his 17-year-old son after the two got into a fight about the teen's shoplifting arrest.

Robert Smalls, 39, wanted his son, Quasaun, to be more severely punished for stealing merchandise from a Home Depot, the New York Post reports.

Quasaun had returned to the family's Woodside home about 4:30 a.m. Sunday after police let him go with a desk appearance ticket. The teen's father wanted his son to be put through Central Booking for an arraignment hearing, the Post reports.

The argument escalated, and Smalls allegedly shot Quasaun in the stomach. The father then called 911. The teen was taken to Elmhurst Hospital Center, where he was listed in stable

List of charges

Smalls was charged with weapons possession and assault in the shooting.

- On Monday, a judge ordered he be held on \$50,000 bail, which his mother plans on posting, according to sources.
- He was also ordered to stay away from his son.

condition.

Smalls told police he thought his son was an intruder, according to the New York Daily News.

"By the time I realized it was my son, the gun had discharged," Smalls said, according to court papers.

An order of protection was also issued barring Smalls from contacting his son. **LAURA SHIN**



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Brooklyn

Man killed in Brownsville shooting

A 33-year-old man was shot and killed in Brownsville about 6:50 p.m. Sunday, police reported.

Cops said that the shooting occurred outside 360 Williams Ave.

A witness reported seeing the victim, Amin Lewis, speaking with another man who was holding a handgun, police said.

The witness told police that she then saw the other man shoot Lewis multiple times before fleeing down the street.

Lewis had a lengthy record, police said, with 15 prior arrests.

Police officials said that the incident is still under investigation. No arrests have been made in the case.

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Frontline

Inspectors reach gas victims despite being fired upon

U.N. chemical weapons experts interviewed and took blood samples yesterday from victims of last week's apparent poison gas attack in a rebel-held suburb of Syria's capital, after the inspectors themselves survived sniper fire that hit their convoy.

Military chiefs from the United States and its European and Middle Eastern allies met in Jordan for what could be a council of war — should they decide to punish Syria for the attack.

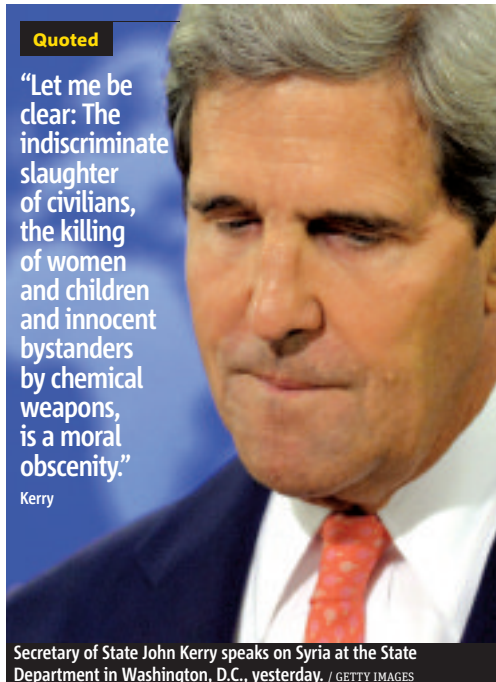
U.N. investigators crossed the frontline from the center of the capital, which remains under Assad's control, to inspect the Mouadamiya suburb, one of at least four neighborhoods hit by the poison gas last Wednesday before dawn. **REUTERS**

Kerry: The use of chemical weapon in Syria 'undeniable'

Quoted

"Let me be clear: The indiscriminate slaughter of civilians, the killing of women and children and innocent bystanders by chemical weapons, is a moral obscenity."

Kerry



Secretary of State John Kerry speaks on Syria at the State Department in Washington, D.C., yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

Action. Obama has been reluctant to intervene in two and a half years of civil war in Syria.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said yesterday that the evidence of a massive deadly chemical attack last week was "undeniable" and accused the Syrian government of trying to cover it up, signaling that the United States was edging closer to a possible military response.

In the most forceful U.S. reaction yet after the suspected gas attack outside Damascus, Kerry said President Barack Obama "believes there must be accountability for those who would use the world's most heinous weapons against the

world's most vulnerable people."

"What we saw in Syria last week should shock the conscience of the world," Kerry told reporters.

Kerry accused the government of President Bashar al-Assad of acting like it had something to hide by blocking the U.N. inspectors' visit to the scene for days and shell-

ing the area.

The information so far, including videos and accounts from the ground, indicate that chemical weapons were used in Syria, he said.

"It is undeniable," he said, adding that it was the Syrian government that maintained custody of chemical weapons and had the rockets capable of delivering them. **REUTERS**

Defense secretary

US would only act on Syria with international community

The United States would only take action on Syria in concert with the international community and with legal justification in response to the alleged

chemical weapons attacks in Damascus, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said yesterday.

Hagel, speaking on a trip to Indonesia, declined to discuss U.S. military options under consideration by the White House, or to say whether he thought a military response was likely. **REUTERS**

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Metro exclusive: Q&A with witness of alleged chemical attack in Syria

Chemical weapons.

Metro speaks with Syrian democracy activist who witnessed effects of the attack in Ghouta.

Osama Nassar, a young engineer and father of one, joined Syria's pro-democracy uprising early on, which forced him into hiding and has required him to move to several different safe houses. He's only able to see his wife and daughter occasionally. Nassar is currently staying in Ghouta, the city where last week's alleged chemical weapon attack occurred. Metro reached him there.

You're hiding in Ghouta, where the alleged chemical attacks took place. Can you describe

the situation?

We woke up because of explosions. The shelling was very hard. Then I saw the dead people. "Bad" is not an adequate word to describe the situation. Never in my life have I seen so many dead people. I have no doubt that the regime was behind the attacks. It's nonsense to accuse anyone else.

Do you think the planned air strikes against Syria are a good idea?

I think the West is after its own interests. Western leaders don't care about the Syrian people or about saving lives. We've been slaughtered for two-and-a-half years now, and we were being slaughtered even before the revolution too. The West could have done something for two years. Now it's trying to control the violence rather than stopping



Osama Nassar is a Syrian democracy supporter. / PROVIDED

Russia

Russia is President Assad's strongest supporter. If you could tell the Russian government something, what would you say?
I'd advise them to start looking for another

agent in the region. And they have to think about policy. Their policy kills innocent people. They have to find a way that fulfills their interests without bloodshed.

Quoted

"The West should bring Assad to court, not bomb Syria." Nassar

it. Apparently it takes chemical weapons for them to act. So "physical weapons" are fine?

How do ordinary people, especially democracy supporters like you, feel about President Bashar Assad now? What should happen to him?

I believe in justice. Nothing will bring back the lives of our kids and beloved. I wish we could bring Assad and his assistants to trial in a fair court. And helping us do so is the least the West can do for us.

But the West worries that there isn't anyone

who can replace him as leader...

He's not the only guy in the country. There are 40 million other Syrians. I think for the period after Assad there should be a committee, like a council of wise men and women. One of their jobs should be to prepare for elections. Meanwhile, the revolution will go on peacefully, so the council will be monitored by the people of the revolution.

Do you think the planned air strikes, while tragic, could be good because they'll bring a resolution to the conflict?

If the air strikes happen, they'd justify further violence. It has been tried in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places.



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Transfers. Regulators, Bitcoin proponents discuss digital currency

U.S. regulators and law enforcement agencies met yesterday with an advocacy group for Bitcoin, a digital currency that has been under fire for its purported role in facilitating anonymous money transfers and supporting online purchases of illegal street drugs.

The meeting in Wash-

ington was arranged by the Treasury Department's anti-money laundering unit at the request of the Bitcoin Foundation, an advocacy group of Bitcoin-related businesses.

It was an opportunity for wide-ranging discussions about the digital currency, a Treasury official said. **REUTERS**

Image recognition

New app helps shoppers identify items

A new app lets shoppers flipping through retail flyers purchase items that catch their eye using image recognition technology.

The iOS app Pounce allows shoppers to scan images they spot in print

media with their device's camera, then purchase the item online directly from the retailer running the advertisement.

"We are able to match an image with an actual product available online," said Avital Yachin, chief executive of BuyCode, Inc., the Tel Aviv, Israel-based company that developed the app. **REUTERS**

San Francisco water and power utilities threatened



A Cal Fire firefighter monitors the Rim Fire as it burns through a grove of trees near Groveland, Calif. / GETTY IMAGES

Destruction. The blaze has destroyed about a dozen homes and 1,000 outbuildings.

One of largest fires in recent California history continued to roar inside Yosemite National Park and threatened facilities that

supply water and power to the city of San Francisco.

Fire managers reported making headway in their 9-day-old battle to curtail flames roaring through dry brush and forests along the northwestern edge of Yosemite National Park, putting utilities that serve the city of San Francisco in danger.

The so-called Rim Fire has charred nearly 150,000 acres or 234 square miles,

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More than 2,800 firefighters have been assigned to the blaze.

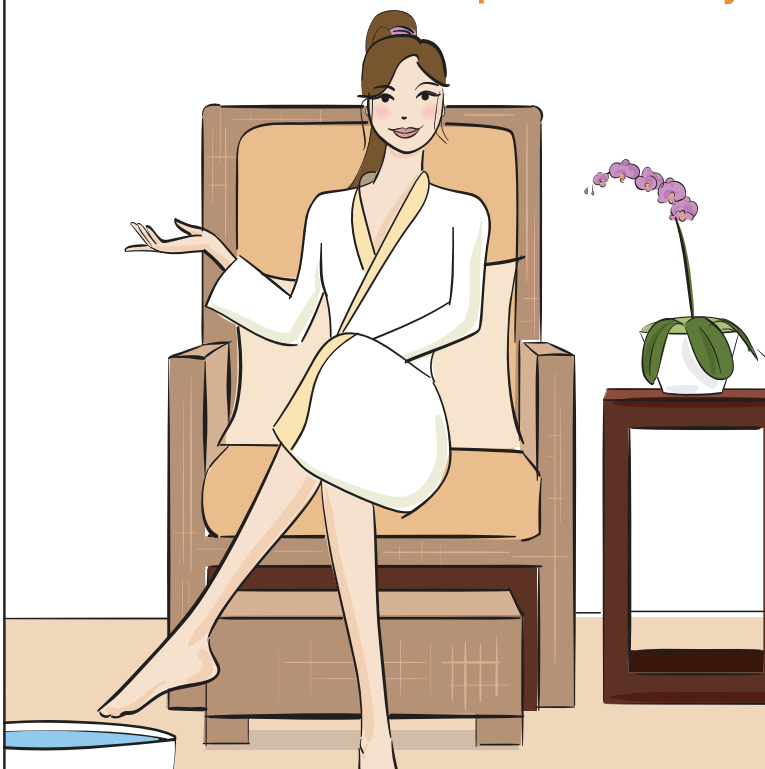
most of that in the Stanislaus National Forest west of Yosemite. It has forced the closure of the main park entrance road used by visitors from the San Francisco Bay area.

The blaze also crept to within two miles of a reservoir, the Hetch Hetchy, which is the source of 85 percent of San Francisco's water supply, and authorities said they were concerned about ash contamination from the fire.

Hydropower facilities in the area that provide electricity to San Francisco, about 200 miles to the west, also have been threatened. **REUTERS**

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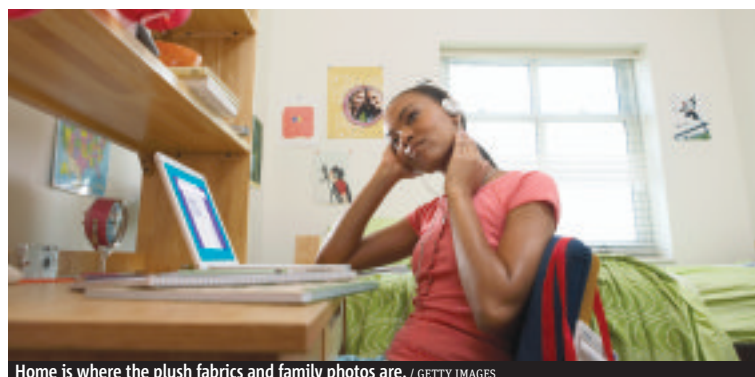
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Chances are, you and your roommate the first year might not be best friends, so make your own separate area. My daughter was very into neon colors and the girl next to her was into lace and horses. You have a

corner, and you pick one area and that's your space where you can show your personality. Mostly what happens is that you meet your roommate months before, and a lot of students will compromise. Decorating the room is putting your own individual style to it, which is important.

So you've left the nest and your childhood bedroom is poised to become a glorified storage closet for your family's things. Interior designer Tamara Dunner says the best way to make your new, tiny dorm room space feel like home is to decorate with care, with an eye toward color, pattern and style.

What advice do you give to college students who want to make their new home a little brighter?

I think it's important when you're moving or relocating to bring some things from home. Bring your picture frames with photos of all your friends. They don't have to be stan-

dard black picture frames; if you're more traditional, you can do a whitewashed finish.

What should students prioritize?

It's your first home away from home; it should be a secure place for you to come after school where you feel comfortable. It's always hard that first year, so you want to emphasize that you want to personalize your own little cave, your own little place.

How about the walls?

You can get posters, but I know they [usually] won't let you stick nails in the walls in the dorm. You can get these light picture frames from Ikea or even take postcards and hang them on the wall. You can get Christmas lights to make it a little bit more funky.

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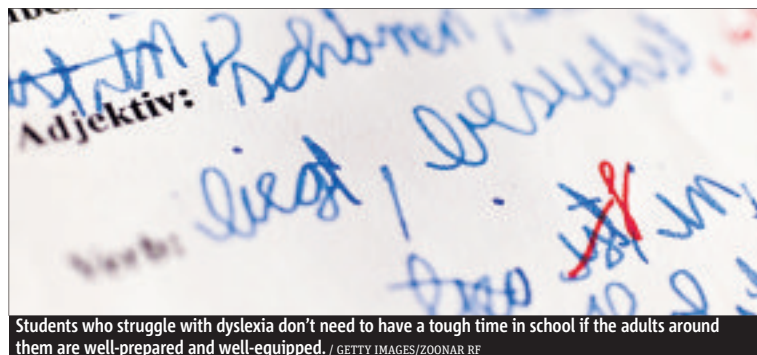
Planning. Playing to your child's strengths and paying attention to the positives can make dyslexia easier, a new book advises.

If you're reading this article on public transit, chances are there are at least five dyslexic people in your midst. The reading disorder affects 10 percent of the population, with about 400,000 children diagnosed per year.

Dealing with dyslexia himself, Ben Foss knows firsthand and gives his insights in his new book, "The Dyslexia Empowerment Plan: A Blueprint for Renewing Your Child's Confidence and Love of Learning." We asked him for his best advice.

Identifying dyslexia:

Knowing if children have dyslexia starts with paying



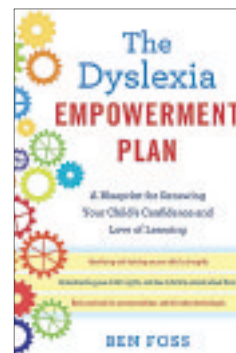
Students who struggle with dyslexia don't need to have a tough time in school if the adults around them are well-prepared and well-equipped. / GETTY IMAGES/ZOONAR RF

Advice

- **Encourage your child's resiliency:** "I cannot emphasize enough, you really want to explain to your kids that they're not broken and that they're smart and you love them. The main thing you're looking to build in your child long-term is resilience," Foss says. "You can do it by giving your child unconditional love and responsibility."
- **Get your child formally identified:** Foss explains that this will be a defense against schools trying to tell you, "Your kid's just developing slowly," or "Your kid's just not college material."
- **Get the facts:** "Learn what dyslexia is, learn the background and explain it to your child. People at school [will] have questions for them," says Foss.

attention to their habits. Foss says that if children mispronounce words or avoid reading aloud, that could signal that it's a good idea to have them tested. Some dyslexic children have trouble memorizing a series of numbers, or confuse similar-sounding words. Parents should focus on the positives, he says. "If your child is dyslexic, you find where [his or her] strength is and play to it."

Orient your thinking: Foss says a perspective shift is



also in order. "Don't think about dyslexia as a disease. I am from New Hampshire. I'm not diagnosed as being from New Hampshire — I just am from there. What you suffer from is being in a school that expects everyone to do things the same way. If you're in a wheelchair, the problem is not the wheelchair; it's the stairs."

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Debunking dyslexia

Myth #1:

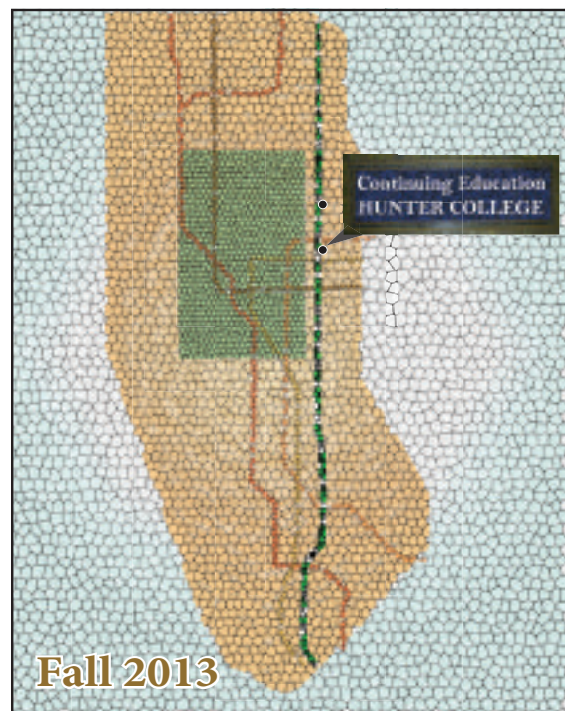
"Your child needs to be fixed." "I think one of the biggest myths is that we're going to fix your child. The thing is, your kid's not broken in the first place," Foss says.

Myth #2:

"It's better not to tell your children they have dyslexia." "The child will figure it out and needs to be a part of the team," he says. Dyslexic students "need to get out there and do the hard work of telling their story and self-advocate."

Myth #3:

"Reading is the best way to learn." Foss reminds parents that reading is not like blinking or breathing. "It's only been in the last 100 years that humans have been expected to read," he says. "I completed Stanford Law School while never reading a book with my eyes."



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They said it

The stars' fave VMA moments

At the InTouch Icons & Idols VMA after-party, celebs had opinions on who stole the night:

Nick Cannon, Mr. Mariah Carey: "Justin and Drake. Justin was onstage for like 45 minutes, so you gotta have force. I liked Drake's performance, too, though. They both did their thing."

Ronnie Ortiz-Magro, "Jersey Shore": "Lady Gaga. It seems like you didn't know who she was. She kept switching it up. She kept you on your feet, and that's what you wanna see."

Sammi Giancola, "Jersey Shore": "I loved 'N Sync. The little bit I got, I still loved it. I grew up with that and had a Justin Timberlake poster on my wall. It was such a great feeling to be dancing and enjoying the moment."

Selenis Leyva, "Orange is the New Black": "I wish I was Miley Cyrus. I was totally jealous of her tonight."

Reporting by Maja Pedersen

The VMAs: Where's the Biebs?

Now that I've had a full day to let the clusterf— that was this year's VMAs sink in (and to recover from the 24-hour hang-over brought on by the magnum bottle of wine required to get through it), I have some questions (not the least of which is why they still carry on with this charade at all — next year let's just have a Knocked Up Teens Awards and call it a day).

And here's the first: Where was Justin Bieber? I can't be the only one who thought his dopey, overly coiffed absence was conspicuous. You guys, I DO NOT THINK HE WAS INVITED.

My God, if this isn't the swiftest fall from grace since Lindsay Lohan nose-dived her career into a big pile of cocaine and regret, I don't know what is.

Wasn't the little rugrat the unofficial star of last year's show? I repeat: I do not think that Justin Bieber was present at or even invited to the 2013 VMAs.

If he was, you wouldn't know it from MTV's cover-



DID JUSTIN BIEBER'S INVITE TO THE VMAS GET LOST IN THE MAIL? / GETTY IMAGES

age of the debacle, which was apparently expressly designed to give viewers alternate play-by-plays of exactly what the Smith family and Taylor Swift made of the whole thing.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not mad at this. I'm moderately amused, at best. But if, as I suspect (hope), the Biebs was really not there, I wonder what he spent the night doing instead. I personally like to imagine he watched an edited tape of the show his camp had doctored to feature clips of his old performances, in his coziest underoos, from atop a throne made of Twizzlers and soiled tube socks. But that's my issue.



Maybe if Taylor Swift, left, did a better job of covering her mouth, the whole world wouldn't know her opinion of ex-boyfriend Harry Styles. / GETTY IMAGES

T. Swift talks mad smack

I really don't want to give Taylor Swift any more press than she's already gobbling up (though she does need the sustenance, sister is skiiiiimny), but deference must be paid to the best moment caught on camera at the 2013 VMAs. One indeed better than Drake desperately trying to mentally transport himself somewhere else — anywhere else — during Miley's twerk-

pocalypse AND the Smith family's communal reaction to, well, everything.

I'm talking about Tay Sway not-so-discreetly telling ex-boyfriend and current male pop tart du jour Harry Styles to kindly STFU, of course.

You've all seen it by now (and if you haven't I suggest you stop reading this and go Google it). While Styles yaps on about Yeezus-knows-

what (JK, I doubt he was listening either), Swift turns to Selena Gomez (I think. All these kids look the same to me) and says what cannot be lip read as anything but "shut the f— up."

I never thought the day would come that I would agree with anything that fell from the mouth of this particular babe so, you know, that was a thing.

THE WORD

Alexandra Cavallo takes on the world of gossip.

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Dorothy Robinson will return Sept. 3.

Opinion

What was the song of the summer?

Jenny McCarthy: "Blurred Lines." Because Robin Thicke is hot and it's so funny to dance to."



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'N Sync reunion?

I suspect this is not of the popular opinion, but I'm going to say it anyway: WTF was up with that "reunion"? That was not a reunion, that was a travesty.

I cried into my giant goblet of Merlot a little bit, thinking about Chris Kirkpatrick and Joey Fatone trying on their suits in the semi-wide trailer they now share, practicing the old dance moves and regaling each other with stories of how bright the future is looking now that the old gang is getting back together. So bright they'll need shades, I bet they said,

chuckling.

And then, Timberlake let them out of their crates for, what, maybe 30 seconds? Just enough time for JC to sneak in a warbly "baby, baby, baby" for old time's sake, before they were ushered offstage and back into obscurity so Justin could get back to work forgetting they existed. At

least Beyonce let Michelle and Kelly sing a whole song before she shut them down again.

I'm sort of crying right now.



I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THE GUYS FROM 'N SYNC ... NO WAIT, I DID. / GETTY IMAGES

Celebs. What you didn't see on camera at the VMAs

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1 Lady Gaga is a diva and isn't afraid to show it: After her opening number — which started with a single camera closed in on her face — she took three bows with her dancers and was carried off stage by one of them.

2 One Direction may have won for the fan-voted Song of the Summer, but they got booed when they stepped up to the podium for their award. It didn't seem to ruin their night, though — they were dancing to Drake's performance and chatting it up with Rihanna from their seats back in the audience.

3 Taylor Swift was caught on camera muttering "Shut the f— up" when her ex Harry Styles presented, but she did give a polite clap when his group One Direction took home the Moonman for Song of the Summer.

4 The hotly-anticipated 'N Sync reunion did indeed happen, but poor Chris Kirkpatrick still can't catch a break. After the group's 90-second number, trap doors were supposed to open underneath and lower the men down. Kirkpatrick's malfunctioned, however, leaving him standing on stage solo for a little while, waving awkwardly. He finally accepted defeat, crouched and leaped down one of the other working doors. Which is sadder: that, or J.C. Chasez trying to one-up Justin Timberlake with a post-medley "Baby, baby, baby"? (Google it!)

5 While the camera closed on Robin Thicke at the end of his racy duet with Miley Cyrus, what you didn't see on TV was one final big crotch-grab from the former Hannah Montana.

6 Katy Perry let out a big "Roar" from the Brooklyn Bridge for the show's finale, but attendees at the Barclays Center weren't all feeling it — many got a head start out of the arena while her performance blared across the jumbo screens. **MEREDITH ENGEL/GETTY IMAGES**



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WONG KAR-WAI

The legendary filmmaker talks about the cost of martial arts and the Hollywood invasion.

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Chinese filmmaker Wong Kar-wai takes a fantastical look at the history of his nation through the lens of martial arts with "The Grandmaster," a film about Ip Man (Tony Leung), the father of modern kung fu who eventually taught Bruce Lee. But first, according to the film, he had to wrestle with China's changing political climate and go through a lot of gorgeously staged fights.

This film is "inspired by a true story." How much historical accuracy did you go for?

It's quite accurate. The only thing I invented was the character of Gong Er (played by Zhang Ziyi). But, in fact, this character is based on several remarkable women at that time.

The film examines how kung fu used to be incredibly exclusionary, solely an upper-class pursuit.

In the traditional sense, martial arts were not for poor people. You needed to be extremely wealthy because you couldn't do anything else. You had

Quoted

"Now we see very clearly that the film industry cannot rely on a single market. Even for a Hollywood film, they cannot live on the domestic market alone. They need the international markets."

Kar-wai, on the rising importance of the global audience

to practice — like, they had specific hours, like 3 o'clock in the morning and then 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Not too hot, not too cold. And then there are so many formalities. People visit you, you have to have a big party. When they leave, you have to send them with gifts.

How do you think it's changed?

Today it's a different skill. When I was doing the research I found they're not very wealthy people,

but once you visit them in their town they take care of everything. They will feed you and always treat you with hospitality. Because the thing is, they are very humble, very cautious, because they know what they have is a weapon. So they are very careful, they don't want to make enemies.

What does the Chinese film industry make of Hollywood films like "Iron Man 3" participating more with the country's filmmaking world and audience? A welcome growth or a threat?

I always find it very silly to say, "as we are invaded by Hollywood," because we've been in this business for a long time. The only thing that's important is to keep the audience coming back. Today is not like 10 or 15 years ago. They can look at a lot of things on cell phones or computers, so watching at the cinema is not their only option. So it's good to have different genres of film.



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The British director wraps up his "Cornetto Trilogy" with "The World's End." / GETTY IMAGES

For Edgar Wright, money ain't a thang

Interview. "The World's End" director talks about coming in under budget.

Edgar Wright knows how to stretch a dollar. With his "Cornetto Trilogy" of films — the zombie rom-com "Shaun of the Dead," the action bromance "Hot Fuzz" and his latest, the alien invasion pub crawl comedy "The World's End" — Wright tackles tales of arrested male adolescence but marries them with heaping servings of genre spectacle. And that doesn't usually come cheap.

While he won't give an actual figure for the production budget of "The World's End," Wright will say it was "more than 'Hot Fuzz,' but less than 'Scott Pilgrim' and less than 'Paul.'"

The secret to making it work? More work for

The scoop

No news on 'Ant-Man'

Wright's next film, "Ant-Man," is his long-awaited entry into the Marvel universe and the introduction of a possible new Avenger. There's such a hunger for information about it, he explains, that some outlets get more creative with what quali-

fies as "news" about the project.

"Sometimes old news get repeated as a new exclusive," he says. "There was something that went around recently that said the 'Ant-Man' script is finished. And I was thinking, I'm sure I said that on the 'Scott Pilgrim' tour three years ago."

Wright.

"The only way that was possible was that I had to direct second unit on Saturdays and Sundays," he says. "So there were points where I directed for 20 days in a row without a day off — and I would do main unit and second unit, so I would start at 8 in the morning, work through lunch and then all of a sudden do another four hours after the main cast had gone. And that was the only way to get

through the schedule." He pauses, knits his brow. "I'm really just trying to get some sympathy here," he adds with a grin.

But while the funds available to him to make a movie have increased, Wright still keeps frugality at the front of his mind.

"Everything that I've done has always been really tight to the wire schedule-wise, budget-wise," he says. "But believe me, I've never been in the position where I've felt like I'm having a money fight on set. I've never stood on the set and thrown dollars at people's faces."

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"I've never been in the position where I've felt like I'm having a money fight on set. I've never stood on the set and thrown dollars at people's faces." Wright



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BOOKS 18

Back to school? Nah! Back to book club? Yeah!

Roundup. Return from your mental vacation with these titillating titles.

Sure, we love the wine and the camaraderie, but among the top pleasures of a good book club discussion is having a great book to rave about or rave through lively debate. This fall's lineup of top reading-group-ready books brings us new novels by Elizabeth Gilbert, Jhumpa Lahiri and Stephen King.

Here, we short list the top reads sure to get your book group's conversation flowing, whether you're eager to discuss family, faith, politics, parenthood, celebrity or coming-of-age. Whew! Fall was never so much fun! Here are a few of our faves.



'The Cuckoo's Calling'

Fame and anonymity: This summer, readers were treated to an intriguing meta-mystery: The secret identity of the author of a crime thriller called "The Cuckoo's Calling" was revealed to be none other than J.K. Rowling, the



mega-bestselling author of "Harry Potter" and "The Casual Vacancy." The revelation sent readers and critics poring through the book to detect clues that author "Robert Galbraith" left to his real identity, one of whom noted that the book — about the investigation of a fashion model's death — takes on "the pressures of celebrity and



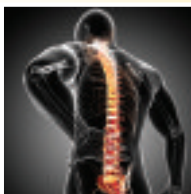
fame (something both Ms. Rowling and Harry Potter know quite a bit about)." Reading groups will enjoy tracking the similarities between "Cuckoo" and Rowling's previous books, while discussing whether we as a society take our obsession with celebrity too far.

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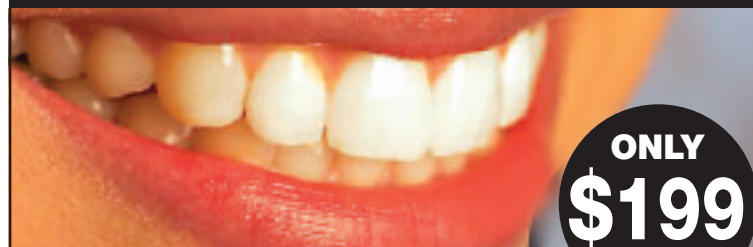
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'Doctor Sleep'

Ghosts of the past — and present: There's nothing like a highly anticipated sequel to spark discussion: Does the second book live up to the first? Does it stand on its own, or is the author going back to the same well only to come up dry? When a sequel is 25 years in the making, our expectations may be heightened to fever pitch. So it is with "Doctor Sleep," Stephen King's much-anticipated follow-up to his 1977 horror classic, "The Shining." Now in middle age and tormented by ghosts of the past, Danny Torrance has earned the nickname "Doctor Sleep" by using his second sight — "the shine" — to comfort the dying.

'The Signature of All Things'

The search for enlightenment: Award-winning novelist, memoirist, journalist and biographer Elizabeth Gilbert is best known for her best-seller — and book-club favorite

— "Eat, Pray, Love." This October, 12 years after her previous novel, "Stern Men," Gilbert returns to fiction in "The Signature of All Things," a historical novel spanning the 18th and 19th centuries from the Enlightenment to the Industrial Revolution. A science-obsessed woman falls in love with a naturalist and painter. She learns about the spiritual world — in all senses. Just as "Eat, Pray, Love" took Gilbert around the world in a search for meaning, "The Signature of All Things" takes the reader to London, Peru, Philadelphia, Tahiti, Amsterdam and more, following characters seeking the inner workings of life.

'Killing Kennedy'

JFK's death and legacy: With the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination this November, there's sure to be a slew of media coverage and new books about what really happened in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, and the toll that it took on the nation afterward. Who

better to spark debate than Bill O'Reilly, best-selling author and Fox News political pundit? O'Reilly's book, "Killing Kennedy" recounts JFK's last days, his death and its aftermath in a fast-paced, fact-filled narrative that's sure to provide plenty of fuel for discussions about the legacy of JFK and Camelot.

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Being your brother's keeper

'The Lowland' by Jhumpa Lahiri

Another new fall novel sure to generate discussion is the next book from "The Namesake" and "Interpreter of Maladies" author Jhumpa Lahiri. "The Lowland" is about two brothers born in Calcutta, Subhash and Udayan, who are like two sides of the same coin — opposite, but

bound together. Udayan is full of revolutionary fervor, determined to fight class inequality in India, while Subhash is content with quieter, scientific pursuits in America. Udayan's passion leads him to dangerous places, and eventually Subhash must return home to try to heal his family. Which brother do you identify with? Discuss it with your book club!



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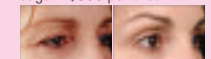
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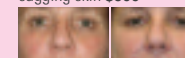
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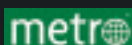
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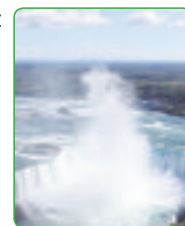
Ah, summer, we hardly knew you. It feels the hazy days of summer just got into full swing and yet, somehow, autumn is just around the corner. Soon enough, the only use we'll have for our beach towels will be to help dry our tears. But don't start packing up your flip-flops and bikinis just yet! This Labor Day weekend, tons of resorts and hotels are offering can't-beat specials and getaway packages that should provide some much-needed, last-ditch vacation fun to help ease you into fall.

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It's no secret that women love beauty products — just check out our bathroom shelves. However, a recent surge in men's skin care items proves that guys want to be as well-groomed as their female counterparts. In 2011, more than \$964 million was spent in department stores on men's products, and the demand seems to be growing. We talked to Mr. Bee, head barber at Chinatown's Frank's Chop Shop and a Dove spokesman, about why so many guys sport handlebar mustaches and how to get the perfect shave.

What is one major misconception about men's grooming?

Men often assume that their grooming routines have to be painful, which simply isn't true. Every day men are torturing their faces by washing with soap, applying alcohol-rich aftershaves and overlooking the needs of their skin, which contribute to a man's face looking worn, tired and neglected.

What are some of the biggest trends in men's grooming that you've



Wash your face with warm water and a gentle cleanser before shaving, advises Mr. Bee. / FUSE

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noticed?

For the face, there's definitely been a renaissance of mustaches. Men have been rocking more late 1800s-, early 1900s-style mustaches. [They're] using wax to create those twisted corners, also known as the handlebar mustache. As for hair-styles, I have definitely seen the return of the "Mad Men" style — the edges are very groomed, but there's more hair on top — giving guys more freedom when styling.

During the week this style can be groomed neatly for work, while on the weekends guys can let it loose and sport a more relaxed look.

Today we're seeing more guys sporting beards. Why?

I feel like in terms of style, whether it is hair, facial hair or fashion, everything comes full circle. There will always be a time when something old is back in vogue. Today, I think we're moving away from the stringent,

clean-shaven, corporate look — people are loosening up. What may have been frowned upon 10 years ago is acceptable today. We are at a time where guys are able to express themselves more freely than ever before, and that has manifested into more men sporting beards, mustaches, goatees, etc.

How can guys get the perfect shave?

Every guy should know the key to a good shave is preparation, not

necessarily what tools he's using. Preparation includes washing your face with warm water and a gentle cleanser, like the Dove Men+Care Hydrate face wash, and then getting the skin tender with a hot towel that has been soaked in pre-shave oils. This will also help to open the pores and lift the hair follicles so the hair will come off smoothly.

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Mr. Bee says "Mad Men" style hair is big these days. / PROVIDED

Product picks

His top three

- 1 "An **alcohol-free astringent** to apply after shaving."
- 2 "A **post-shave balm** to follow the astringent, such as the Dove Men+Care Hydrate post-shave balm, as it really helps relieve irritation and also soothes skin."
- 3 "For those with facial hair, I'd suggest investing in a **natural beard oil**. This will help to retain the moisture in your beard."



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Modern Family: Jennifer Finney Boylan, seated, says we shouldn't think of trans people as "vulnerable others." / COURTESY OF THE BOYLAN FAMILY

Transforming from a father to a mother

Memoir. There is more to the trans experience than what makes the news, says Jennifer Finney Boylan.

Author Jennifer Finney Boylan says there is more to being a mother than giving birth, and in her newest book, "Stuck in the Middle with You," she chronicles her transgender journey from being a father to a mother.

For much of her life as a parent of two boys, she said she was "some parental version of the schnoodle or the cockapoo," referring to the dogs produced by mixing two breeds.

In the book, Boylan, 55, describes the impact of her transition, which began

about 11 years ago, on her now-teenage sons, Zach and Sean, and her wife of 25 years, Deirdre. Boylan has written 12 other books and was keen to speak about her latest work, gender and parenting.

What inspired you to write a memoir on parenting now?

I wanted to talk about the trans experience to kind of normalize it a little bit. ... A trans person tends to get into the news when there's trouble, when there's been a murder or violence, someone has lost their job. And those are important stories to cover, obviously. ... But somebody needs to tell the stories of mothers and fathers and children ... when the stories are about families doing well.

How has your family

reacted to being portrayed by name?

It was their idea. ... I was a little afraid. That was the other reason I was a little reticent about writing about motherhood and fatherhood. It seems like writing about your children is another form of child abuse. ... So I asked them about it. But Zach said, "No that's great. Everyone should know about our family."

What is your hope for the future of the American family?

The most important thing in a family is the amount of love in that family. It matters more than the sex of the parents. It matters more than the race of the parents. It matters more than the economic privilege of that family. Love is what ties people together and what can drive people apart. **REUTERS**

Bonus question

What are your thoughts as more U.S. states march toward marriage equality, given your own journey from an opposite-sex couple to a same-sex one?

We have this sense of trans people as vulnerable others, when in fact there are tens of thousands of transgenders throughout

the country going about their business, doing their jobs, raising their families. So when you tell stories, you give voice to that experience, too. ... I'm just thrilled about the march toward equality for lesbians and gay men that is happening across the country, but it is also true that ... the giddy-

ness around marriage equality can sometimes overshadow the fact that transgender people are really suffering in this country and are vulnerable to violence and suicide. ... It's important for people to remember that for transgender people, the fight for equality is a long way off.

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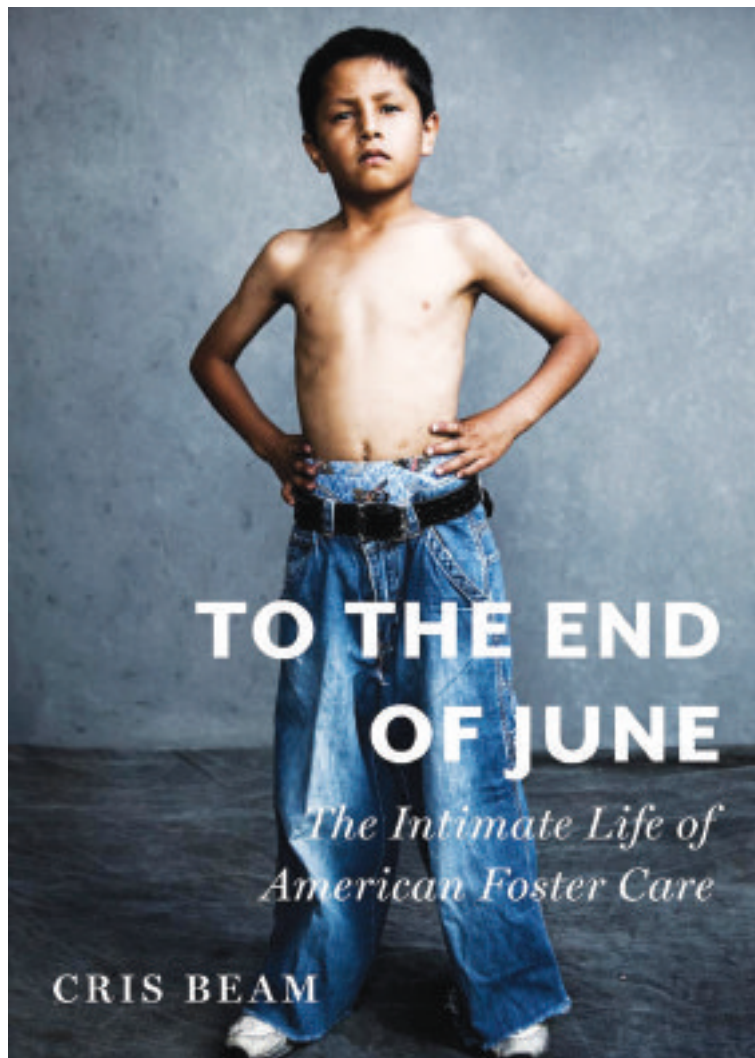
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Life lesson. One woman finds out the truth about foster care.

Cris Beam was a 28-year-old high school teacher when she took in a 17-year-old student who had been kicked out of a group home and was headed to juvenile hall — not because she had committed a crime, but because there was just no room for her.

"I didn't have any experience," says Beam about her foster care experience, "but I loved this kid, and she and I kind of figured it out together."

As many people try desperately to have their own biological children, Beam tells Metro that another option is often overlooked.

"There are wonderful kids right here, all the time, right in your neighborhood, that need homes," she says.

She dives deeper into the subject, along with her own experience as

a foster mother, in her new book, "To the End of June: The Intimate Life of American Foster Care."

A rewarding choice

Potential parents might picture the horrors of teenager-itis and their notoriously difficult attitudes — but think again, Beam says, because fostering a teenager can actually be a surprisingly positive experience.

"What I found is that having a teenager can be really great," says Beam. "It's rewarding because teenagers are funny, and these are kids that have lived very rich and resilient lives, so they have a lot to teach us about survival."

Beam admits that most times, the reward takes time, but by then, "You have a family, you have this person in your life that really loves you back," she says. "I was surprised at how deep the bond grew and how quickly with my daughter."



Why does Cris Beam think you should foster a child? "You do it because there's a need," she says. / JULIEN CAPMEIL

Why foster a child?

"You do it because there's a need," Beam

simply states.

According to Beam, as children are removed from their homes, they suffer a traumatic experi-

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"I think that there's a misconception that the kids are really damaged. ... When you get inside [the foster care system], you see that it's all human beings, and if you stick with them, they're all kids just like any other kids."

Beam

ence and need to grieve their loss.

"We were all 18 once, we've all been broken-hearted, we've all lost jobs, we've all struggled. And what do we need? We need help, we need people to help us," explains Beam.

"What they need is a family," she adds. "We all need somebody to lean on for life."

Get the truth

Being a foster parent isn't the most talked-about subject, but that may be in part due to the numerous victims of its misconceptions.

"I think that there's a misconception that the kids are really damaged,"

explains Beam. "When you get inside [the foster care system], you see that it's all human beings, and if you stick with them, they're all kids just like any other kids."

So, she suggests, don't forget about the kids that are right in your community, the kids that could be your family.

"I think we're so used to thinking of foster care as 'other' and that's a really dangerous proposition," says Beam. "There's a tremendous number of kids, and there's tremendous diversity, so it can be hard, but having a kid is hard. Love is hard."

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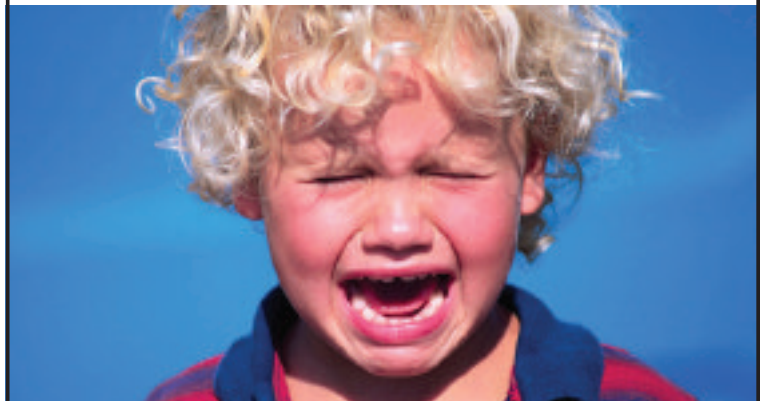


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Letters

Give more vacations to Congress

Congress adjourning and leaving Washington for a five-week recess is actually great news. Our civil and economic liberties are continually at risk when any legislative body is in session. Officials on a bipartisan basis routinely pass legislation to increase spending, taxes, borrowing and deficits. They also pass bills benefiting their "pay for play" contributors, funding pork barrel member items along with new rules and regulations infringing on our day-to-day lives. When Congress is not working, they can't cause mischief and grief for the rest of us. I wish they would stay home even longer.

LARRY PENNER, VIA EMAIL

Madonna deserves an immaculate reception

Re: 'Material grill' (Metro, Aug. 26) Alexandra Cavallo, did you know (and as a gossip columnist I hope you would) that Madonna is the highest-grossing entertainer of 2013, according to Forbes? So maybe you should take some tips from her and cut Madge some slack.

SETH BROWN, VIA EMAIL

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Keep them as brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact info.

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- 14 Esteem
- 15 Stein filler
- 16 2013 Best Picture winner
- 17 Figure out
- 18 British title
- 19 Polynesian staple
- 20 Errol Flynn persona
- 23 Praline nut
- 26 Grass-skirt accessory
- 27 Shoppers' guides
- 28 Island near Kauai
- 29 Kind of student
- 30 Bon Jovi of rock
- 31 Opposite of sm.
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- 33 Droopy-eared hounds
- 37 Always, to Keats
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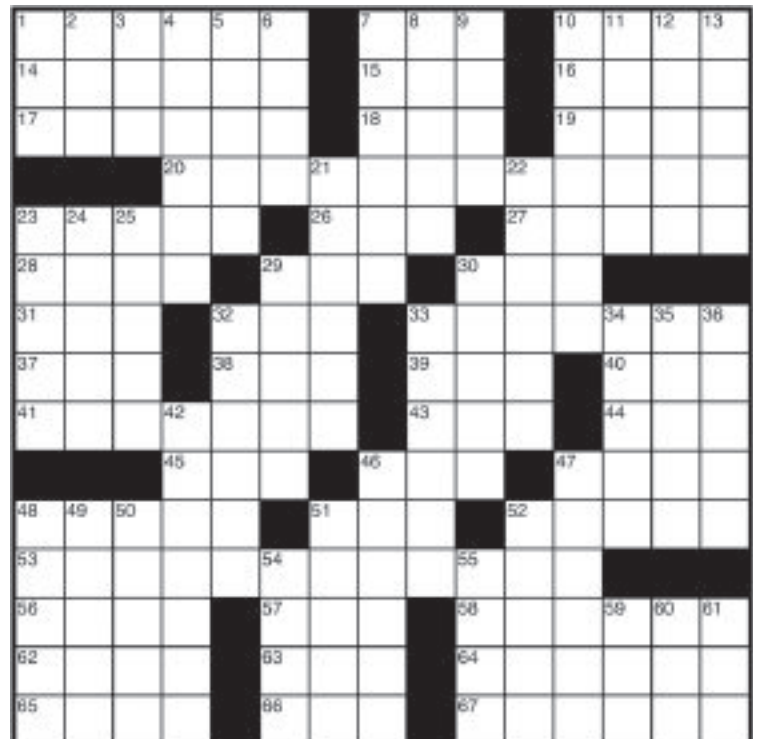
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Yesterday's answer



HARVEY DANGER

MLB. The Mets' ace is out for the season after tearing the ligament in his elbow. Tommy John surgery could be the next step.

The Mets received the worst possible news yesterday afternoon when Matt Harvey visited the Hospital for Special Surgery for an MRI.

The ace and All-Star Game starter has suffered a partially torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right, pitching elbow. He will be out indefinitely and was immediately placed on the disabled list.

"I wouldn't expect him to pitch for the rest of the season," general manager Sandy Alderson said.

The Mets are not committed to Harvey getting

Tommy John surgery yet, as they will wait for the swelling to go down before proceeding.

"It's tough," Harvey said. "It's the last thing I expected when I went in [to get an MRI Monday] morning."

"I felt it was something I could pitch through. It had been some time. This weekend, it had been more discomforting than other starts."

Harvey faced Max Scherzer, the opposing AL starter in the All-Star Game, in a ballyhooed faceoff on Aug. 24. Harvey allowed two earned runs in 6 2/3 innings and took the loss.

He is 9-5 with a 2.27

ERA this season. He leads the majors with 191 strikeouts. He's made 26 starts this season and has thrown 178 1/3 innings, the most of his professional career. The Mets had limited Harvey's innings coming up through the system and shut him down early last season after a start on Aug. 24. He threw 169 1/3 innings last season between the minors and majors.

"These innings limits are not a guarantee of anything," Alderson said. "There's no safe harbor here."



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"When I heard the news, I was pretty shocked. [I am] going to do everything I can not to get surgery."

Harvey, on receiving the results of his MRI yesterday morning



Harvey is the second Mets pitcher this month to go down with an elbow tear, following Jeremy Hefner. / GETTY IMAGES

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SPORTS

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Harvey dent

Tommy John surgery not a death sentence

Mets fans are understandably shocked by the news Matt Harvey tore a ligament in his right arm and, despite hopes to the contrary, will reportedly likely need Tommy John surgery.

Assuming he does undergo the surgery later this year, it could put him out through next season as well.

But Tommy John surgery has become very common, even among young pitchers, and a who's who of aces have undergone the surgery and come back better than ever.

We look at a few recent examples:

- **Adam Wainwright, SP, Cardinals** — If Clayton Kershaw wasn't putting up historic numbers in 2013, Wainwright would be the favorite to take the NL Cy Young. He underwent the surgery in February 2011 and returned on April 7, 2012. All he's done since is go 29-20 with a 3.26 ERA and



Wainwright signed a five-year, \$97.5 million contract extension in March — 11 months after returning from surgery. / GETTY IMAGES

366 strikeouts in 397 1/3 innings. He hasn't missed any significant time. Mets fans — and Carlos Beltran — are familiar with his work before and after surgery.

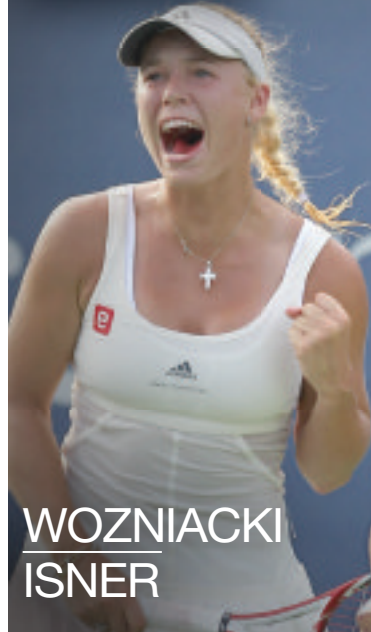
- **Stephen Strasburg, SP, Nationals** — Mets fans are also familiar with Strasburg's plight, as he pitches for the NL East rival Nats. Strasburg had the surgery in September 2010 and returned almost exactly one year later, on Sept. 6, 2011. He was an All-Star last season in his first full year back and has a 3.00 ERA in 25 starts in 2013.
- **Jordan Zimmermann, SP,**

Nationals — Strasburg's teammate went under the knife in August 2009 after just 16 impressive starts in the majors. He returned Aug. 26, 2010, and struggled the rest of the season, but made his usual starts every five days. He hasn't looked back. In the three years since, he's 35-26 with a 3.14 ERA.

- **Joe Nathan, RP, Rangers** — The closer of this year's All-Star Game underwent the surgery in May 2010. He missed all of 2010, but even at 36 years old, he returned strong in April 2011. Now, he's made back-to-back All-Star teams.

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US Open. Rafael Nadal cruises to opening win over young American

Rafael Nadal says he's just a normal guy.

"Everything very normal," said Nadal, the world's No. 2-ranked tennis player. "Nothing strange in my life. I practice. ... I go fishing. I play golf. I go party when I have the chance to go party. That's all. Really normal guy, normal life."

Nadal's colleagues on the tennis tour might beg to differ.

After crushing American Ryan Harrison 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 yesterday in a first-round match

at the U.S. Open, Nadal improved to 16-0 on hard courts this year and did nothing to dispel the notion he's a heavy favorite in New York.

"Even though he wins Cincinnati and Canada, he's thinking about peaking here, which he's going to have a really good chance because he's one of the greatest players ever," said Harrison, one of three American men to lose yesterday, along with Rhyne Williams and Michael Russell.

ADAM ZAGORIA

Blake goodbye

American favorite James Blake, 33, announced on Monday he will retire from tennis after the U.S. Open.

- "This is my last tourna-

ment," said Blake, who will face Ivo Karlovic in the first round today. "I don't want to be dragged out of this game. I want to leave on my own terms."

Ryan says little about Sanchez, injury outlook



Sanchez was injured on this shot by Marvin Austin. Just how badly he was hurt, the Jets have yet to actually say. / GETTY IMAGES

NFL. Beyond being ruled out Thursday, the Jets will say little to nothing about Sanchez.

Rex Ryan simply doesn't know.

Following an injury to the right shoulder of Mark Sanchez against the Giants on Aug. 24, the Jets head coach simply can't or won't say if his former first-round pick will be ready for the start of the regular season. Sanchez underwent X-rays following the third preseason game and had further tests on Sunday, with sources telling Metro New York there were no broken bones resulting from Giants defensive lineman Marvin Austin's rough hit.

"The fact that we're saying that he's out for Philadelphia and it's a day-to-day [injury], that's where we're at right now," Ryan said.

Sanchez has already been ruled out of practice this week and won't play Thursday night against the Eagles as preseason wraps up.

"I'm obviously not happy that I'm hurt," Sanchez said. "I felt I was putting together a good camp, so it's an unfortunate thing. But there's no time to gripe about it — just have to rehab as hard as I can. I know we have the best trainers and they're going to put me in the best position possible. Try and get back for the first week."

KRISTIAN DYER

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Off the PUP

Pierre-Paul back on the practice field

Former Pro Bowl pass rusher Jason Pierre-Paul was a welcome sight on the practice field yesterday, as he was finally able

to join his teammates in a limited capacity.

Pierre-Paul said he'd been waiting for this day for a long time.

"It's a big step. I've been working hard for the past couple of months since I've gotten my surgery. I think I'm

going to do good out there," said Pierre-Paul. "The individual drills that I did were harder than the drills in practice, so the trainers were helping me. I feel more comfortable with myself going out and practicing with the team." **TONY WILLIAMS**

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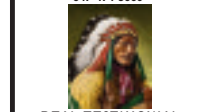
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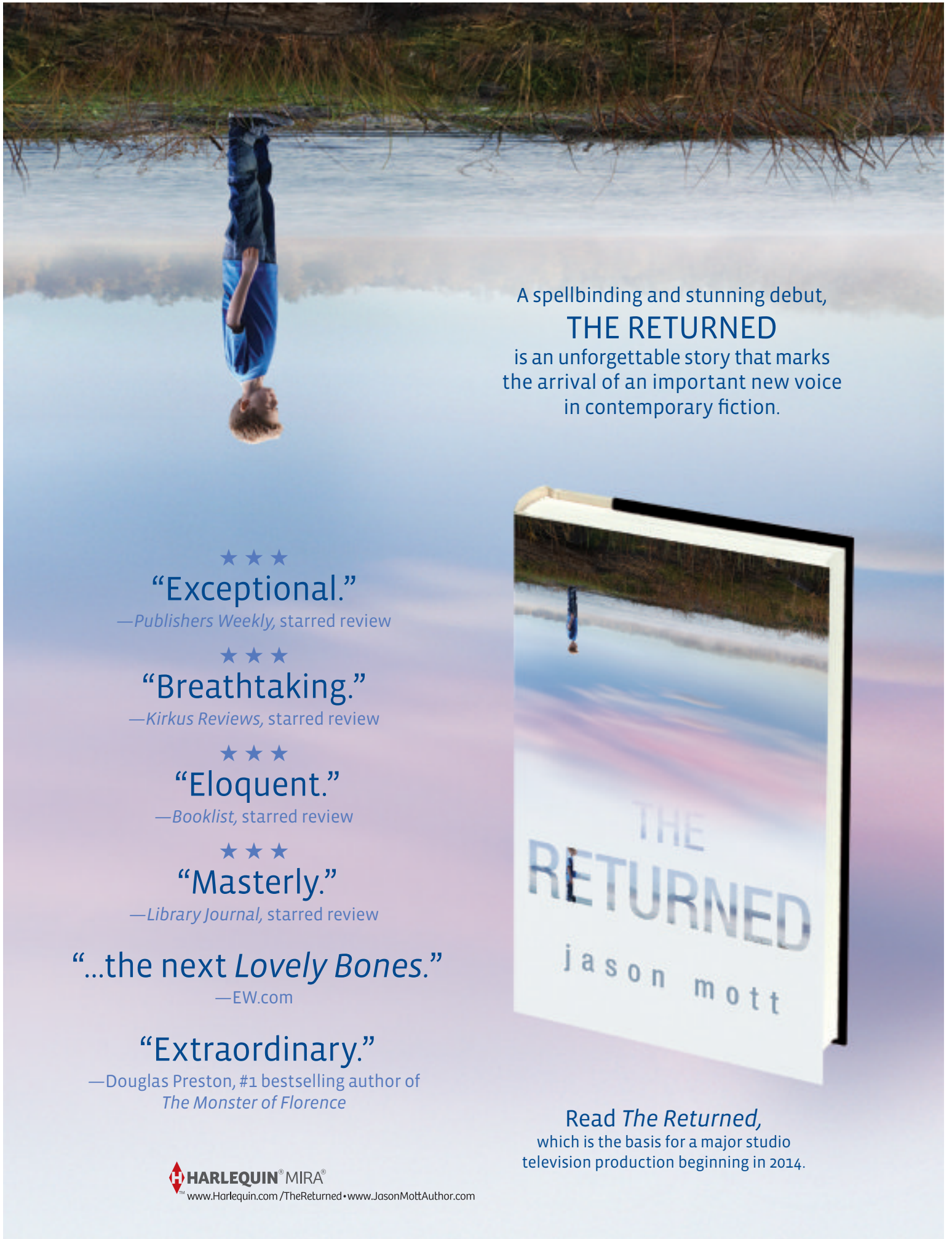
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